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**Office Action Summary**

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10/780,457

Applicant(s)

HOLUB, TIMOTHY M.

Examiner

Robert J. Canfield

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-15, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>09/19/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

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1. This Office action is in response to the amendment received 09/19/05. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/19/05 has been considered by the examiner.

3. The proposed replacement drawing sheet received 09/19/05 is accepted.

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 4-15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,901,726 to Gal et al.

Ring 5 is connected to the lower portion of tent 3 by connection structure 1, that is connected to a portion of the plane of the ring. Pole connector or pin 8 or 9 is anchored or attached to the ring 5. While a pole 20 or 21 is connected to pole connector or pin 8 or 9 the ring is capable of rotating or pivoting to at least a certain extent in the recited direction.

6. Claims 4-15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,021,795 to Long et al.

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Ring 46 is connected to the lower portion of tent 21 by connection structure or webbing 44, that is connected to a portion of the plane of the ring. Pole connector or pin 48/49 is anchored or attached to the ring 5. While a pole 36 is connected to pole connector or pin 48/49 the ring is capable of rotating or pivoting to at least a certain extent in the recited direction.

7. Applicant's arguments filed 09/19/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The argument that Gal et al. does not allow rotation of the ring 5 as set forth in the amended claims is not persuasive because the ring 5 would be capable of rotating at least to a some degree in the claimed direction. There is nothing recited in the claims that the rotation would occur without movement of the pole. For example if one were to lift the tent of Gal up prior to be it being staked the poles would inherently force the ring to pivot or rotate in the recited direction as illustrated in Applicant's figure 5. A similar analysis is applied to the Long patent. As to the argument that Long does not provide a pin attached to the ring this is not found persuasive in light on the new analysis where element 46 is considered the ring. Pin 49 or pole connector 48 is clearly attached to ring 46 as shown in figure 14.

8. Claims 1-3 are allowed.

9. Claims 16-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

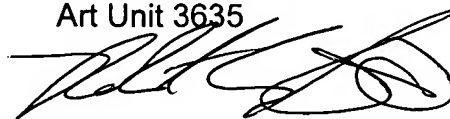
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Canfield whose telephone number is 571-272-6840. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Robert J Canfield  
Primary Examiner  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J Canfield', written over the printed name and title.

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Accepted (P) 11/28/05

REPLACEMENT SHEET

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FIG. 4

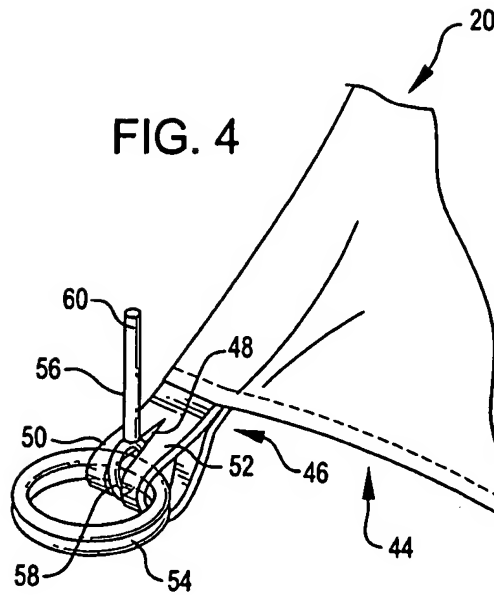


FIG. 5

